

HOUSE JOURNAL

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PROCEEDINGS

THIRTY-THIRD DAY — TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005

The house met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 120).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen, A.; Allen, R.; Alonzo; Anchia; Anderson; Baxter; Berman; Blake; Bohac; Bonnen; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Callegari; Campbell; Casteel; Castro; Chavez; Chisum; Coleman; Cook, B.; Cook, R.; Corte; Crabb; Crownover; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Dawson; Denny; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Eiland; Eissler; Elkins; Escobar; Farabee; Farrar; Flores; Flynn; Frost; Gallego; Geren; Giddings; Gonzales; Gonzalez Toureilles; Goodman; Goolsby; Griggs; Grusendorf; Guillen; Haggerty; Hamilton; Hamric; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown; Hartnett; Hegar; Herrero; Hilderbran; Hill; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hope; Hopson; Howard; Hughes; Hunter; Hupp; Isett; Jackson; Jones, D.; Jones, J.; Keel; Keffer, B.; Keffer, J.; King, P.; King, T.; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Laney; Laubenberg; Leibowitz; Luna; Madden; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Merritt; Miller; Moreno, J.; Moreno, P.; Morrison; Mowery; Naishtat; Nixon; Noriega, M.; Oliveira; Olivo; Orr; Otto; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Puente; Quintanilla; Raymond; Reyna; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Seaman; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solis; Solomons; Strama; Straus; Swinford; Talton; Taylor; Thompson; Truitt; Turner; Uresti; Van Arsdale; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo; West; Wong; Woolley; Zedler.

Absent, Excused — Delisi.

Absent — Bailey; Branch; Gattis.

The invocation was offered by Reverend Jimmy Drennan, Saint Paul's Catholic Church, San Antonio, as follows:

I invite you to bow your heads in prayer. Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. It is through your goodness that we gather this very day. As we gather, we first pause for a moment to thank you for all we have and all you have given us. We praise you for the many gifts you continually give to your people. We acknowledge that without you nothing is possible. We further recognize the wrong choices we have made and seek to be reconciled with you and with each other.

As we unite ourselves this day we recognize that we are only one part of the larger reality that exists. We understand the world is so much like a mosaic and we, like so many other people, are an essential part and not the only part of your

plan. In coming to value our unique and shared role in society, give us the strength to appreciate others. Give us courage to value people because they are different from us, not simply because they are like us. Give us the strength to find our unity in our diversity.

Loving God and creator, as elected officials and all those who assist them with their decisions gather in this historic space, inspire them to recognize they are the makers of history. The events that will unfold this day and the decisions that are made here will become the history of tomorrow. We are the authors of history and the choices made in this hall of justice will be inscribed in the lives of every Texan. They will be forever written on and lived out by the young and the old; the rich and the poor; African American, Asian American, Native American, white, and hispanic; the native born and the immigrant; the heterosexual and the homosexual; the educated and the uneducated; weak and strong; healthy and unhealthy; the insured and the uninsured; and people of all religious traditions. Inspire the authors of today to write with justice—justice for all people. Inspire our authors to abandon unjust partisanship and embrace a unified vision that will positively change the lives of all Texans. Move us away from division and to our true unity.

And Lord, as we gather in the shelter of these walls and in the State of Texas that we are so proud of, we pray for peace. We pray for an end to war and a complete restoration of lasting peace through justice. We offer our united prayers for the men and women of every nation who have been sent by their elected officials to fight in wars. We pray for their safe return to their nations and families. Give strength to their families and renew their faith in the hope for peace.

May the generations who follow us and reflect on the history that is to be written here today be inspired by your choices. May our generation be thanked and remembered fondly for the history we write. Inspire us to remember always, we are the authors of history. We can decide how this day ends. Give each of us the strength and courage to remember this. We ask this in your name, you who inspire us and lead us now, always, and forever.

The speaker recognized Representative Martinez Fischer who led the house in the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important legislative business:

Delisi on motion of Woolley.

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representative Bonnen who presented Dr. Nick Frank Giannone of Lake Jackson as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Giannone and thanked him for his participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

(Branch now present)

COMMITTEE GRANTED PERMISSION TO MEET

Representative Edwards requested permission for the Committee on Rules and Resolutions to meet in 2W.25 during bill referral while the house is in session.

Permission to meet was granted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of important business in the district:

Harper-Brown on motion of B. Keffer.

HR 735 - ADOPTED (by Bonnen)

Representative Bonnen moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 735**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 735, Honoring W. V. "Buster" Curry of Angleton for his contributions to the people of Brazoria County.

HR 735 was read and was adopted.

HR 734 - ADOPTED (by Dawson)

Representative Dawson moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 734**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 734, Recognizing March 15, 2005, as Brazoria County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 734 was read and was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Dawson who introduced a delegation from Brazoria County.

HR 719 - ADOPTED (by Hochberg)

Representative Hochberg moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 719**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 719, Honoring Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church in Houston on its 140th anniversary.

HR 719 was adopted.

HR 378 - ADOPTED
(by B. Brown)

Representative B. Brown moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 378**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 378, Honoring Paralympian Randy Snow of Terrell.

HR 378 was read and was adopted.

On motion of Representative Geren, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 378** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

The speaker recognized Representative B. Brown who introduced Randy Snow.

HR 745 - ADOPTED
(by Guillen)

Representative Guillen moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 745**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 745, Honoring Alex Lee Garza of Rio Grande City on winning gold and silver medals in the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics.

HR 745 was read and was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Guillen who introduced Alex Lee Garza and his family.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Driver who introduced Miss Garland Saree Smith and Miss Teen Garland Mackenzie Oden.

HR 736 - ADOPTED
(by Dutton)

Representative Dutton moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 736**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 736, Honoring Dr. Anita Spivey of Houston on her achievements as a minister and educator.

HR 736 was adopted.

HR 718 - ADOPTED
(by Dutton)

Representative Dutton moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 718**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 718, Honoring the Knights of Peter Claver and the members of its ladies auxiliary, Council and Court No. 72, and their "Pioneers in the Community" for their remarkable achievements.

HR 718 was adopted.

HR 732 - ADOPTED
(by Frost)

Representative Frost moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 732**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 732, Honoring the Jenkins Volunteer Fire Department on its 30th anniversary.

HR 732 was adopted.

HR 731 - ADOPTED
(by Craddick)

Representative Geren moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 731**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 731, Honoring Carlton and Lynda Beal of Midland on their 40th anniversary.

HR 731 was adopted.

HCR 109 - ADOPTED
(by Bonnen)

Representative Bonnen moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 109**.

The motion prevailed.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HCR 109, Granting permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, March 23, 2005, and ending on Tuesday, March 29, 2005.

HCR 109 was adopted.

(Bailey now present)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Y. Davis who introduced members of ROPP for Girls, Inc.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Y. Davis who introduced students from Mountain View College.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following committee meetings were announced:

Rules and Resolutions, during bill referral today, 2W.25, for a formal meeting, to consider the calendar.

(Edwards in the chair)

Local and Consent Calendars, 9 a.m. tomorrow, E2.024, for a formal meeting, to consider bills to be set on the local and consent calendar.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of illness:

Gattis on motion of Van Arsdale.

(Speaker in the chair)

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of illness in the family:

West on motion of Pitts.

EMERGENCY CALENDAR

HOUSE BILLS

THIRD READING

The following bills were laid before the house and read third time:

HB 3 ON THIRD READING

(by J. Keffer and Grusendorf)

HB 3, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to property tax relief and protection of taxpayers, taxes and fees, and other matters relating to the financing of public schools; providing civil and criminal penalties.

A record vote was requested.

HB 3 was passed by (Record 121): 73 Yeas, 68 Nays, 4 Present, not voting.

Yeas — Mr. Speaker(C); Allen, R.; Anderson; Baxter; Berman; Blake; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Callegari; Campbell; Casteel; Chisum; Cook, B.; Corte; Crabb; Crownover; Davis, J.; Dawson; Denny; Driver; Edwards; Eissler; Elkins; Flynn; Geren; Goodman; Goolsby; Griggs; Grusendorf; Hamilton; Hamric; Hardcastle; Hartnett; Hill; Hope; Howard; Hunter; Hupp; Isett; Jackson; Keffer, B.; Keffer, J.; King, P.; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Madden; Miller; Morrison; Mowery; Nixon; Orr; Otto; Phillips; Pitts; Riddle; Seaman; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solomons; Straus; Swinford; Talton; Taylor; Truitt; Van Arsdale; Wong; Woolley; Zedler.

Nays — Allen, A.; Alonzo; Anchia; Bailey; Burnam; Castro; Chavez; Coleman; Cook, R.; Davis, Y.; Deshotel; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Eiland; Escobar; Farabee; Farrar; Flores; Frost; Gallego; Giddings; Gonzales; Gonzalez Tourelles; Guillen; Haggerty; Herrero; Hochberg; Hodge; Homer; Hopson; Jones, J.; Keel; King, T.; Laney; Laubenberg; Leibowitz; Luna; Martinez; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Merritt; Moreno, J.; Moreno, P.; Naishtat; Noriega, M.; Oliveira; Olivo; Paxton; Peña; Pickett; Puente; Quintanilla; Raymond; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Solis; Strama; Thompson; Turner; Uresti; Veasey; Villarreal; Vo.

Present, not voting — Hegar; Hughes; Jones, D.; Reyna.

Absent, Excused — Delisi; Gattis; Harper-Brown; West.

Absent — Hilderbran.

PAIRED VOTES

Hegar (present), who would vote no, with Delisi (absent), who would vote yes.

Hughes (present), who would vote no, with Gattis (absent), who would vote yes.

Reyna (present), who would vote no, with Harper-Brown (absent), who would vote yes.

D. Jones (present), who would vote no, with West (absent), who would vote yes.

STATEMENT OF VOTE

When Record No. 121 was taken, I was in the house but away from my desk. I would have voted no.

Hilderbran

REASONS FOR VOTE

As state representative for District 138, I will support school finance reform, which achieves all of the following five principles: 1) Protects local community control including local enrichment; 2) Significantly reduces local school property taxes and lowers the annual appraisal cap; 3) Properly funds the needs of present and future classroom excellence and teacher benefits; 4) Avoids court mandated control of our schools; and 5) Is supported by the citizens of District 138. I

acknowledge that **HB 2** and **HB 3** are a work-in-progress toward achieving these goals for educational reform and property tax relief. I look forward to continuing the legislative process and working with the state senate as we move toward crafting a final version of these bills, which will achieve the goals outlined above.

Bohac

This bill does not cure inequities in the business tax system in this state and may exacerbate them. The business tax aspects of **HB 3** were originally alleged to be a "closing of the franchise tax loophole," but in fact the bill sent to the house floor imposed a labor-intensive tax in the form of a new payroll tax. The inequities of such a scheme becoming clear to all concerned, the authors adopted amendments on the floor to try and mitigate the bill by allowing businesses to opt between the new payroll tax or a "franchise tax" option. But the option still has the effect of treating marginal, labor-intensive businesses unfairly.

Large capital-intensive businesses—involving in many instances much wealthier enterprises with relatively few employees—will reap the effects of a property tax reduction windfall while at the same time not sharing equitably with small businesses in any significant new tax burden. Many small businesses, that create the bulk of minimum wage and skilled jobs in the service sector, such as restaurants, auto repair shops, etc., that perhaps lease their business premises will be saddled with either a new franchise tax, or worse, a payroll tax that will serve as a significant disincentive for them to expand their employee payrolls. Even if they opt for the franchise tax, the new tax burden compared to their gross receipts will be significant. The same will not be true with many larger, wealthier, capital-intensive businesses.

The bill, therefore, does not move us in the direction of a fairer business tax, nor does it truly serve to close the "franchise tax loophole," and for that reason, I cannot vote for the bill.

Keel

One of my goals this session was to vote in favor of legislation that would provide significant property tax relief to the people of Plano and the people of Texas. **HB 3** lowers property taxes but unfortunately at a much greater price to Texans.

HB 3 will not benefit a majority of taxpayers. An analysis by the Legislative Budget Board found that under this legislation, eight of ten income levels would pay significantly higher taxes overall than under current law. Of the two levels seeing some relief, the savings would be negligible. Additionally, Texas will have the highest sales tax rate in the nation while also subjecting additional items and services to the sales tax such as bottled water, automobile repairs, car washes, billboard advertising, etc. **HB 3** imposes an additional increase in sales tax on items like soft drinks and snacks while also increasing the sales tax rate for large ticket items such as automobiles and boats.

HB 3 will also detrimentally affect the business community in my district and across the state by imposing potentially unconstitutional taxes on them. This legislation asks companies to choose between a new payroll tax on wages or paying the franchise tax. This portion of the bill raises constitutional questions

since this tax is essentially an income tax but will not be put before voters prior to being implemented. In fact, the constitutionality of this provision is so likely to be questioned that the house adopted an amendment expediting any future case directly to the Texas Supreme Court.

When the Texas Legislature promises its citizens tax relief, it should do so in a way that truly provides relief. **HB 3** merely shifts taxes from one kind to another and in a way that actually increases the tax burden to both businesses and consumers.

McCall

The explanation of "pairs" in House Rule 5, Section 50 states that "where two members are paired on a vote, the member present agrees with a member who is to be absent that the member present will not vote, but will be "present and not voting." The pair states how each of the members would have voted. I agreed to a pairing with an absent member. I actually voted NO on **HB 3**, but was shown present and not voting according to the rules.

Reyna

FIVE DAY POSTING RULE SUSPENDED

Representative Morrison moved to suspend the five day posting rule to allow the Committee on Higher Education to consider all legislation previously posted for Monday's hearing.

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Higher Education, 10:30 a.m. or upon adjournment Thursday, March 17, E2.030, for a public hearing, to consider all previously posted legislation.

FIVE DAY POSTING RULE SUSPENDED

Representative Driver moved to suspend the five day posting rule to allow the Committee on Law Enforcement to consider all previously posted bills.

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Law Enforcement, 1:30 p.m. or upon adjournment tomorrow, E2.026, for a public hearing, to consider previously posted bills.

FIVE DAY POSTING RULE SUSPENDED

Representative J. Keffer moved to suspend the five day posting rule to allow the Committee on Ways and Means to consider **HB 1006**, **HJR 35**, and **HJR 50** during the previously scheduled meeting tomorrow.

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following committee meetings were announced:

Ways and Means, 10:30 a.m. or upon final adjournment tomorrow, E2.010, for a public hearing, to consider **HB 1006**, **HJR 35**, and **HJR 50**.

Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, 3 p.m. today as posted, for a public hearing.

FIVE DAY POSTING RULE SUSPENDED

Representative Hunter moved to suspend the five day posting rule to allow the Committee on Regulated Industries, Subcommittee on Renewable Energy, to consider **HB 1798** upon adjournment tomorrow in JHR 140.

The motion prevailed.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Regulated Industries, Subcommittee on Renewable Energy, upon adjournment tomorrow, JHR 140, for a public hearing, to consider **HB 1798**.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT

Representative Miller moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees, the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow in memory of Charlie Derrick of Gatesville.

The motion prevailed.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

(Straus in the chair)

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 11:53 a.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

ADDENDUM

REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

The following bills and joint resolutions were today laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees, and the following resolutions were today laid before the house and referred to committees. If indicated, the chair today corrected the referral of the following measures:

List No. 1

HB 2303 (By Driver), Relating to the administration of the Private Security Act.

To Law Enforcement.

HB 2304 (By Driver), Relating to the regulation of alarm systems and alarm systems companies.

To Law Enforcement.

HB 2305 (By Casteel), Relating to the annexation of land for which property taxes are imposed based on the land's value for agricultural or wildlife management purposes.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 2306 (By Nixon), Relating to procedures and remedies in certain civil actions.

To Civil Practices.

HB 2307 (By B. Cook), Relating to the terms of office of the Product Development and Small Business Incubator Board.

To Economic Development.

HB 2308 (By Goodman), Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The University of Texas at Arlington and its engineering facilities.

To Higher Education.

HB 2309 (By Denny), Relating to certain election processes and procedures.

To Elections.

HB 2310 (By Geren), Relating to services provided by manufacturers and distributors of beer to beer retailers.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 2311 (By Howard), Relating to prohibiting the transfer of an embryo except in an adoption proceeding; providing a penalty.

To State Affairs.

HB 2312 (By Howard), Relating to the filing of personal financial disclosure statements by municipal officers and candidates, members of the boards of trustees of school districts, and directors of sports and community venue districts.

To Elections.

HB 2313 (By Miller), Relating to noxious and invasive plants; providing a criminal penalty.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

HB 2314 (By Miller), Relating to increases in the recreational sports fee at component institutions of The Texas A&M University System.

To Higher Education.

HB 2315 (By Miller), Relating to increases in the student center complex fee at component institutions of The Texas A&M University System.

To Higher Education.

HB 2316 (By Miller), Relating to member restrictions for commissioners of the Texas Workforce Commission.

To Business and Industry.

HB 2317 (By Puente), Relating to the seizure of property by law enforcement and to the treatment of that property in a criminal proceeding.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2318 (By Puente), Relating to the dismissal of certain misdemeanor charging instruments in a criminal case.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2319 (By Denny), Relating to the election of unopposed candidates.

To Elections.

HB 2320 (By Denny), Relating to certain procedures for running as a write-in candidate.

To Elections.

HB 2321 (By Denny), Relating to the residence of a voter who resides on property located in more than one territory.

To Elections.

HB 2322 (By Anchia), Relating to the electronic administration of state funds used for voter registration.

To Elections.

HB 2323 (By Villarreal), Relating to the licensing and regulation of lactation consultants; providing penalties.

To Public Health.

HB 2324 (By Villarreal), Relating to quality improvement activities for certain subsidized child-care services.

To Human Services.

HB 2325 (By Villarreal), Relating to the review of certain data and information provided under the Medicaid managed care program.

To Public Health.

HB 2326 (By Villarreal), Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of property located in more than one appraisal district.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 2327 (By Villarreal), Relating to the creation of the blue ribbon task force on early childhood education.

To Public Education.

HB 2328 (By Villarreal), Relating to a limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homesteads of certain elderly individuals by a county.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 2329 (By Morrison), Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for institutions in the University of Houston System.

To Higher Education.

HB 2330 (By Morrison), Relating to the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions.

To Higher Education.

HB 2331 (By Morrison), Relating to the emergency possession of certain abandoned children.

To Human Services.

HB 2332 (By Morrison), Relating to the tuition rebate program for certain undergraduates at certain public institutions of higher education.

To Higher Education.

HB 2333 (By Morrison), Relating to the qualifications of and training and continuing education for certain officials and personnel of career schools or colleges.

To Higher Education.

HB 2334 (By Morrison), Relating to the filing of a disclosure statement by a vendor or member of a governing body of a port authority or navigation district; imposing a penalty.

To Transportation.

HB 2335 (By Corte), Relating to certain duties of state agencies with regard to members of the United States armed forces and their dependents and the communities in which they reside.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 2336 (By Corte), Relating to reimbursement of certain expenses for members of the Texas Military Facilities Commission.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 2337 (By Corte), Relating to the use of information provided by an applicant for a driver's license or personal identification certificate in an image verification system.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 2338 (By Corte), Relating to the punishments authorized under the Texas Code Of Military Justice.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 2339 (By Corte), Relating to the provision of a ballot to be voted by mail by an overseas voter.

To Elections.

HB 2340 (By Corte), Relating to grants and loans for certain economic development projects to assist defense communities affected by the federal military base realignment and closure process.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 2341 (By Corte), Relating to the administration of promotional examinations to certain firefighters and police officers who are members of the armed forces on active duty.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 2342 (By Corte), Relating to eligibility for certain programs of the Veterans' Land Board.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 2343 (By Luna), Relating to the definition of an illegal knife; providing criminal penalties.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2344 (By Luna), Relating to the Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke.

To Public Health.

HB 2345 (By Luna and Delisi), Relating to the imposition of a fee for a currency transmission sent to a destination outside the United States.

To Appropriations.

HB 2346 (By Raymond), Relating to requiring courts to report the number of frivolous lawsuits filed each year.

To Civil Practices.

HB 2347 (By Raymond), Relating to guardians ad litem.

To Judiciary.

HB 2348 (By Raymond), Relating to construction on a highway under the jurisdiction of the Texas Department of Transportation by certain transit departments.

To Transportation.

HB 2349 (By Raymond), Relating to registration of a loan officer employed by a mortgage banker.

To Financial Institutions.

HB 2350 (By Raymond), Relating to security requirements for certain bail bond sureties.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2351 (By Raymond), Relating to a release of a child support lien.

To Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

HB 2352 (By Raymond), Relating to permitting an elderly or disabled person who owns property designated as a homestead to transfer the ownership of the property and the benefits and protections of the homestead designation.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2354 (By Raymond), Relating to the application of certain social security and disability payments to a child who is the subject of a child support order.

To Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

HB 2355 (By Raymond), Relating to the enforcement of a child support order by contempt.

To Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

HB 2356 (By Raymond), Relating to a person's taking of certain dangerous alligators.

To Culture, Recreation, and Tourism.

HB 2357 (By Raymond), Relating to a physical and mental examination of a child subject to the juvenile justice system.

To Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

HB 2359 (By Raymond), Relating to the time in which certain persons found to have engaged in family violence must complete court-ordered counseling.

To Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

HB 2360 (By R. Allen), Relating to a pilot project to study the feasibility and effectiveness of contracting for commissary operations in certain correctional facilities.

To Corrections.

HB 2361 (By R. Allen), Relating to the use of a fixed rate of return in county jail commissary contracts.

To County Affairs.

HB 2362 (By Casteel), Relating to the authority of the Cow Creek Groundwater Conservation District to require permits for certain wells.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2363 (By Haggerty), Relating to establishing standards for analysis of tests for controlled substances required of defendants placed on community supervision.

To Corrections.

HB 2364 (By Deshotel), Relating to requiring an opportunity for a grace period before disconnection from utility services.

To Regulated Industries.

HB 2365 (By Deshotel), Relating to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

To Judiciary.

HB 2366 (By Deshotel), Relating to the establishment of credit in the Employees Retirement System of Texas for military service.

To Pensions and Investments.

HB 2367 (By Gallego), Relating to a strategy to ensure that public institutions of higher education employ faculty and staff who reflect the population of Texas.

To Higher Education.

HB 2368 (By McReynolds), Relating to the establishment of service credit within the Employees Retirement System of Texas for service as a federal peace officer.

To Pensions and Investments.

HB 2369 (By McReynolds), Relating to agreements between suppliers of and dealers in forestry harvesting and certain other equipment.

To Agriculture and Livestock.

HB 2370 (By McReynolds), Relating to the regulation of poultry facilities.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 2371 (By T. King), Relating to the use of acupuncturists as health care providers under certain health benefit plans.

To Insurance.

HB 2372 (By T. King), Relating to a college entrance examination preparation pilot program.

To Higher Education.

HB 2373 (By T. King), Relating to the assessments charged by the Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Counties Water Control and Improvement District No. 1.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2374 (By McClendon), Relating to the retirement system for firefighters and police officers in certain municipalities.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 2375 (By McClendon), Relating to the issuance of bonds or other obligations by certain junior college districts.

To Higher Education.

HB 2376 (By Elkins), Relating to the environmental regulation and remediation of dry cleaning facilities.

To Business and Industry.

HB 2377 (By Swinford), Relating to the use of private firms by the Texas Building and Procurement Commission in leasing space for state agencies.

To State Affairs.

HB 2378 (By Swinford), Relating to transferring responsibility for the child-care facilities for state employees from the Texas Building and Procurement Commission to the Health and Human Services Commission.

To State Affairs.

HB 2379 (By Swinford), Relating to the allocation of certain state office space.

To State Affairs.

HB 2380 (By Farabee), Relating to the filing of personal financial statements by officers and employees of certain municipalities.

To Elections.

HB 2381 (By Hegar), Relating to posting on the Internet the notice of a meeting of the governing body of a county and certain districts and political subdivisions.

To State Affairs.

HB 2382 (By Hegar), Relating to training requirements for certain chief appraisers of appraisal districts.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 2383 (By Pickett), Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The University of Texas at El Paso.

To Higher Education.

HB 2384 (By Madden), Relating to the composition of the Advisory Committee to the Texas Board of Criminal Justice on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments.

To Corrections.

HB 2385 (By Madden), Relating to the prosecution of the offense of indecency with a child.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2386 (By Thompson), Relating to the prosecution of certain acts that constitute the unauthorized business of insurance.

To Insurance.

HB 2387 (By Thompson), Relating to abolition of certain fraud reporting requirements regarding motor vehicle insurance.

To Insurance.

HB 2388 (By Thompson), Relating to insurance fraud reporting requirements.

To Insurance.

HB 2389 (By Campbell), Relating to the disposition of surplus or salvage property by the Department of Public Safety to counties and municipalities.

To Law Enforcement.

HB 2390 (By Harper-Brown), Relating to the establishment of an employee welfare benefit plan by certain private educational institutions.

To Pensions and Investments.

HB 2391 (By Hill), Relating to the regulation of political signs by municipalities.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 2392 (By Hill), Relating to the property tax situs and rendition requirements for motor vehicles located at a place of business of a wholesale motor vehicle auction.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2393 (By Hill), Relating to the creation and authority of municipal development districts.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 2394 (By Hill), Relating to the issuance of a temporary tag for use on an unregistered motor vehicle.

To Transportation.

HB 2395 (By Solis), Relating to distribution of money from the Texas Enterprise Fund.

To Economic Development.

HB 2396 (By Solis), Relating to a program to provide information on healthy lifestyle choices and wellness to recipients under the medical assistance program.

To Public Health.

HB 2397 (By Solis), Relating to allowing certain state boards to hold hearings by telephone or similar means.

To Public Health.

HB 2398 (By Solis), Relating to payment by health benefit plans for certain dental care services.

To Insurance.

HB 2399 (By Madden), Relating to liability for damages caused by a leak from or a malfunction or the improper operation of a liquefied petroleum gas system or related equipment.

To Energy Resources.

HB 2400 (By Madden), Relating to the expulsion of a student from public school for certain conduct involving marihuana or a controlled substance.

To Public Education.

HB 2401 (By Campbell), Relating to the eligibility of certain spouses of military personnel for unemployment compensation.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 2402 (By Casteel), Relating to erecting an off-premise sign adjacent to and visible from certain roads.

To Transportation.

HB 2403 (By Casteel), Relating to erecting an off-premise sign adjacent to and visible from certain roads.

To Transportation.

HB 2404 (By Keel), Relating to the creation of the position of county elections administrator.

To County Affairs.

HB 2405 (By Keel), Relating to prohibiting a person not entitled to receive an early voting ballot by mail from casting that ballot; providing a criminal penalty.

To Elections.

HB 2406 (By R. Allen), Relating to the procedures that apply to certain defendants who enter a drug court program.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2407 (By Bonnen), Relating to the hearing of a child protection case by an associate judge.

To Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

HB 2408 (By Bonnen), Relating to delivery to an employer of an order or writ for the withholding of child support from an employee's earnings.

To Juvenile Justice and Family Issues.

HB 2409 (By Bonnen), Relating to physicians or other licensed health care professionals contracting with the Angleton-Danbury Hospital District of Brazoria County, Texas.

To County Affairs.

HB 2410 (By Bonnen), Relating to the membership and terms of the board of directors of the Texas Environmental Education Partnership Fund.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 2411 (By Bonnen), Relating to emissions reductions obtained through certain energy efficiency initiatives.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 2412 (By J. Keffer), Relating to the enterprise zone program.

To Economic Development.

HB 2413 (By A. Allen, et al.), Relating to corporal punishment in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 2414 (By J. Keffer), Relating to jury service in certain counties.

To Judiciary.

HB 2415 (By Chisum), Relating to statutory authority for certain governmental entities to take certain actions to permit the legislature to reduce appropriations to those agencies.

To Appropriations.

HB 2416 (By Chisum), Relating to statutory authority to reduce appropriations made by the legislature to certain governmental entities.

To Appropriations.

HB 2417 (By Chisum), Relating to statutory authority for the legislature to make or reduce appropriations to certain governmental entities.

To Appropriations.

HB 2418 (By Dutton), Relating to the authority of peace officers to conduct certain searches.

To Law Enforcement.

HB 2419 (By Chavez), Relating to the use of the proceeds of bonds and other public securities that are secured by the state highway fund.

To Transportation.

HB 2420 (By Chavez and Solis), Relating to the allocation of federal funds directed to be used to support graduate medical education in connection with the state Medicaid program.

To Public Health.

HB 2421 (By Chavez), Relating to the establishment, operation, and funding of the Texas jobs program.

To Economic Development.

HB 2422 (By Frost), Relating to the designation of Farm-to-Market Road 2065 as the S/Sgt Herbert S. Robertson Jr. Memorial Highway.

To Transportation.

HB 2423 (By Puente), Relating to discrimination by a groundwater conservation district against landowners whose land is enrolled or participating in a federal conservation program.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2424 (By Puente), Relating to the consideration of historic or existing use in the regulation of pumping by a groundwater conservation district.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2425 (By Puente), Relating to the procedure for approval of certain amendments to a water right.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2426 (By Puente), Relating to prohibiting the creation or enforcement of certain restrictive covenants that undermine water conservation.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 2427 (By Puente), Relating to water conservation specialty license plates.

To Transportation.

HB 2428 (By Puente), Relating to water and energy saving performance standards for commercial prerinse spray valves.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2429 (By Puente), Relating to water and energy saving performance standards for commercial clothes-washing machines.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2430 (By Puente and Rose), Relating to the establishment of a rainwater harvesting evaluation committee.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2431 (By Puente), Relating to amendments to regional water plans.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2432 (By Puente), Relating to the plugging of abandoned or deteriorated water wells.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2433 (By Puente), Relating to granting to the Upton County Water District the powers and duties of a groundwater conservation district.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2434 (By Puente), Relating to submetering and allocation of water service.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2435 (By Turner), Relating to ensuring cost savings in the operation of certain governmental entities that provide criminal justice and public safety services.

To Appropriations.

HB 2436 (By Turner), Relating to statutory authority to reduce certain appropriations made by the legislature in support of the courts and to certain law library fees.

To Appropriations.

HB 2437 (By Haggerty), Relating to nonstandard personal automobile insurers.

To Insurance.

HB 2438 (By Haggerty), Relating to the acquisition and regulation of manufactured homes.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 2439 (By West), Relating to the enforcement of the laws governing plugging of abandoned oil and gas wells and preventing, controlling, or cleaning up oil and gas wastes or other substances or materials regulated by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

To Energy Resources.

HB 2440 (By West), Relating to the regulation by the Railroad Commission of Texas of activities associated with multiple accumulations of hydrocarbons from which production by commingling of hydrocarbons is authorized.

To Energy Resources.

HB 2441 (By Leibowitz), Relating to the recreational facility fee at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

To Higher Education.

HB 2442 (By Leibowitz), Relating to power management software for state agencies.

To Government Reform.

HB 2443 (By Leibowitz), Relating to the appointment and compensation of certain court coordinators in Bexar County.

To Judiciary.

HB 2444 (By Leibowitz), Relating to limiting the appraised value for ad valorem tax purposes of certain residence homesteads.

To Ways and Means.

HB 2445 (By Leibowitz), Relating to service by water and sewer utilities.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2446 (By Leibowitz), Relating to serving expired food in public primary and secondary schools; providing a penalty.

To Public Health.

HB 2447 (By Naishtat), Relating to a pilot program for the implementation of the redesigned health and human services program eligibility and benefits determination system.

To Human Services.

HB 2448 (By Naishtat), Relating to a health performance incentive program in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 2449 (By Naishtat), Relating to a pilot program for transferring money appropriated to provide institutional care for certain persons to provide community-based services to those persons.

To Human Services.

HB 2450 (By Naishtat), Relating to the creation of the individual development account program to provide savings incentives and opportunities to eligible low-income working individuals.

To Financial Institutions.

HB 2451 (By J. Moreno), Relating to the sale, service, and delivery of alcoholic beverages; providing penalties.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 2452 (By Bailey), Relating to uniform law on documents of title.

To Business and Industry.

HB 2453 (By Casteel), Relating to the eligibility for a commercial establishment to have its name displayed on a specific information logo sign.

To Transportation.

HB 2454 (By J. Jones), Relating to the eligibility of certain voters to vote a limited ballot in a new county of residence.

To Elections.

HB 2455 (By Talton), Relating to the elements of the criminal offense of discharging used oil into water in the state.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 2456 (By Talton), Relating to restrictions on the transfer of a fuel tank to a metal recycling entity.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 2457 (By Talton), Relating to the entrance requirements and longevity pay in certain municipalities for a police officer who has previous experience as a police officer.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 2458 (By J. Jones), Relating to authorizing the commissioners court of a county to delegate its authority to make certain budget transfers.

To County Affairs.

HB 2459 (By J. Jones), Relating to the establishment of homeland security training programs for older adults by the Department of Aging and Disability Services.

To Human Services.

HB 2460 (By J. Jones), Relating to requiring public schools to establish a drug awareness program.

To Public Education.

HB 2461 (By Villarreal), Relating to establishing a program to provide child-care assistance to certain military personnel.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 2462 (By Villarreal), Relating to the creation and taxes of a library district.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 2463 (By Villarreal), Relating to the creation of new taxing districts in Hidalgo County, Montgomery County, Webb County, and Bexar County to levy taxes on hospitals located in Hidalgo County, Montgomery County, Webb County, and Bexar County for programs that provide healthcare services.

To County Affairs.

HB 2464 (By Dawson), Relating to requiring skin cancer prevention instruction in public schools.

To Public Education.

HB 2465 (By Denny), Relating to a public hearing conducted by the secretary of state in regard to the question of approval of a voting system or voting system equipment for use in elections.

To Elections.

HB 2466 (By Swinford), Relating to recycling market development.

To State Affairs.

HB 2467 (By Swinford), Relating to the elimination of certain alternative fuels programs of this state.

To Energy Resources.

HB 2468 (By F. Brown), Relating to statutory authority to reduce appropriations made by the legislature to certain regulatory entities.

To Appropriations.

HB 2469 (By Thompson), Relating to research using human cells and tissues.

To State Affairs.

HB 2470 (By Delisi), Relating to the operations of and the funding mechanisms for emergency medical services and trauma facility care in this state.

To Public Health.

HB 2471 (By Delisi), Relating to authorizing the Department of State Health Services to issue a single license for multiple hospitals.

To Public Health.

HB 2472 (By Delisi), Relating to disease management services under Medicaid managed care
To Public Health.

HB 2473 (By Delisi), Relating to certain state publications maintained by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.
To Government Reform.

HB 2474 (By Delisi), Relating to the creation of an additional judicial district and the jurisdiction of the existing district courts in Bell County.
To Judiciary.

HB 2475 (By Delisi), Relating to a cervical cancer initiative.
To Public Health.

HB 2476 (By Delisi), Relating to allowing the Texas Medical Disclosure Panel to hold telephonic hearings.
To Public Health.

HB 2477 (By Delisi), Relating to the qualifications for school counselors in certain elementary schools.
To Public Education.

HB 2478 (By Delisi), Relating to the prevention of Medicaid fraud; providing penalties.
To Public Health.

HB 2479 (By Delisi), Relating to health and human services in this state.
To Public Health.

HB 2480 (By Hupp), Relating to certain unprofessional conduct by a health care provider; providing an administrative penalty.
To Public Health.

HB 2481 (By Bonnen), Relating to the Texas emissions reduction plan, including the use of money currently dedicated to the Texas emissions reduction plan fund.
To Environmental Regulation.

HB 2482 (By West), Relating to the financial security requirements for certain operators of oil and gas wells.
To Energy Resources.

HB 2483 (By Geren), Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans.
To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 2484 (By Casteel), Relating to water quality control policies.
To Environmental Regulation.

HB 2485 (By Goodman), Relating to the period of time during which a person may be supervised in a pretrial intervention program and the fee that may be charged for the program.
To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2486 (By Goodman), Relating to the civil liability of certain organizations providing child welfare services.

To Civil Practices.

HB 2487 (By Gonzalez Toureilles), Relating to the award of attorney's fees in an election contest.

To Elections.

HB 2488 (By F. Brown), Relating to the sale of instructional materials and other merchandise to students of institutions of higher education.

To Higher Education.

HB 2489 (By Wong), Relating to the creation of green ribbon master plans for certain districts of the Texas Department of Transportation.

To Transportation.

HB 2490 (By Puente), Relating to the availability of a pretrial diversion program for certain defendants.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2491 (By Puente), Relating to the transfer of an ad valorem tax lien and to a contract for foreclosure of an ad valorem tax lien.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 2492 (By Puente), Relating to the authority of certain persons to bring suit to require an appraisal district to comply with applicable law.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 2493 (By R. Cook), Relating to access to certain obstetrical or gynecological care provided by family physicians.

To Insurance.

HB 2494 (By R. Cook), Relating to the use of certain fees by groundwater conservation districts.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2495 (By Wong), Relating to motor vehicle title in dealer auctions.

To Transportation.

HB 2496 (By Wong), Relating to the publication of the notice of a public hearing on a proposed conversion of a nontoll state highway or highway segment to a turnpike project or toll facility.

To Transportation.

HB 2497 (By Wong), Relating to the tolling of free highways in the state highway system and to the conveyance of certain property for a tolled highway or facility.

To Transportation.

HB 2498 (By Isett), Relating to the imposition of quality assurance fees for certain facilities.

To Appropriations.

HB 2499 (By Isett), Relating to the imposition of quality assurance fees for nursing homes and intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation.

To Appropriations.

HB 2500 (By Uresti), Relating to the authority of certain state agencies to purchase prescription drugs and other medications jointly with other states.

To Public Health.

HB 2501 (By Uresti), Relating to permitting certain military personnel entitled to receive tuition and fee exemptions to transfer the exemption to a child.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 2502 (By Uresti), Relating to the prosecution in a justice or municipal court of a person charged with more than one traffic offense arising from the same criminal episode.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2503 (By Uresti), Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Veterans Commission.

To Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations.

HB 2504 (By Uresti), Relating to the performance of community service as a condition for a deferral of adjudication in a misdemeanor traffic case punishable by fine only.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 2505 (By Uresti), Relating to the distribution of proceeds from a citation issued by a school district peace officer.

To Public Education.

HB 2506 (By Bohac), Relating to a license fee exemption for certain certified public accountants.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 2507 (By Bohac), Relating to the regulation of mobile food units and roadside food vendors in certain populous areas.

To Public Health.

HB 2508 (By Bohac), Relating to exceptions to the use of uniform election dates.

To Elections.

HB 2509 (By Bohac), Relating to jurisdiction of a municipal court over an action to enforce certain vehicle dealer and manufacturer license plate laws.

To Judiciary.

HB 2510 (By Bonnen), Relating to the regulation of on-site sewage disposal systems and the maintenance of those systems; imposing administrative and criminal penalties.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2511 (By Denny), Relating to financial disclosure by appointed state officers after leaving office.

To Elections.

HB 2512 (By Kolkhorst), Relating to statutory authority to reduce appropriations made by the legislature to certain governmental educational entities and to other fiscal matters involving certain governmental educational entities.

To Appropriations.

HB 2513 (By Herrero), Relating to redemption of certain consumer rebates; providing a civil penalty.

To Business and Industry.

HB 2514 (By Herrero), Relating to the weighing of a loaded vehicle.

To Transportation.

HB 2515 (By Zedler), Relating to regulation of the sale of alcoholic beverages.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 2516 (By Giddings), Relating to the installation of smoke detectors in certain leased dwellings.

To Business and Industry.

HB 2517 (By Zedler), Relating to the civil commitment of sexually violent predators.

To Corrections.

HB 2518 (By Coleman), Relating to the requirements of a mental health court program.

To Judiciary.

HB 2519 (By Coleman), Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination in applications for employment and employment interviews.

To Business and Industry.

HB 2520 (By Coleman), Relating to the development and availability of a curriculum regarding acquired immune deficiency syndrome and human immunodeficiency virus infection.

To Public Education.

HB 2521 (By Coleman), Relating to the interagency coordinating council for HIV and hepatitis.

To Public Health.

HB 2522 (By Coleman), Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation; providing penalties.

To State Affairs.

HB 2523 (By Coleman), Relating to retirement benefits for law enforcement officers employed and commissioned by institutions of higher education.

To Law Enforcement.

HB 2524 (By Coleman), Relating to providing for public safety during interactions between law enforcement officers and persons with mental impairments.

To Law Enforcement.

HB 2525 (By Callegari), Relating to contracts by governmental entities for construction projects and related professional services.

To Government Reform.

HB 2526 (By Flores), Relating to the promotional activities of certain alcoholic beverage license or permit holders.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 2527 (By Oliveira), Relating to water allocations involving excluded irrigation land in areas which are within 30 miles of the Rio Grande and within 50 miles of the Laguna Madre.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2528 (By Chavez), Relating to the appointment of an international protocol officer.

To Border and International Affairs.

HB 2529 (By Chavez), Relating to a higher education border work group created to address and recommend policies regarding border communities and international trade.

To Border and International Affairs.

HB 2530 (By Chavez), Relating to beverage container redemption and recycling in border counties; providing penalties.

To Border and International Affairs.

HB 2531 (By Chavez), Relating to the local administrative judge for the district and county courts at law of El Paso County.

To Judiciary.

HB 2532 (By Chisum), Relating to private nuisance actions.

To Civil Practices.

HB 2533 (By Chisum), Relating to the possession of alcoholic beverages on the premises of certain sexually oriented businesses; providing a penalty.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 2534 (By Chisum), Relating to the content requirements and limitations for public school textbooks.

To Public Education.

HB 2535 (By Hartnett), Relating to the right of redemption after foreclosure.

To Business and Industry.

HB 2536 (By Coleman and Farrar), Relating to urban land bank demonstration programs.

To Financial Institutions.

HB 2537 (By Coleman), Relating to the exercise of eminent domain authority by certain nonprofit charitable corporations.

To Land and Resource Management.

HB 2538 (By Coleman), Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation for culturally significant sites.

To Local Government Ways and Means.

HB 2539 (By J. Davis), Relating to permitting a community association to increase regular assessments on a majority vote of affected property owners.

To Business and Industry.

HB 2540 (By J. Davis), Relating to the term of a food manager certificate.

To Public Health.

HB 2541 (By Puente), Relating to exempting interbasin transfers of water rights within regional water planning areas from certain priority requirements.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2542 (By Puente), Relating to the application of the junior priority requirement for a water right authorizing a transfer of water from one river basin in this state to another river basin in this state.

To Natural Resources.

HB 2543 (By Hamric), Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for The University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

To Higher Education.

HB 2544 (By Hamric), Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 2545 (By Casteel), Relating to the authority of counties to enact noise regulations; providing a criminal penalty.

To County Affairs.

HB 2546 (By Goolsby), Relating to the combative sports program.

To Licensing and Administrative Procedures.

HB 2547 (By Goolsby), Relating to the required public notice of the name of each finalist for the position of chief executive officer of an institution of higher education.

To Higher Education.

HB 2548 (By Pitts), Relating to the election of emergency services districts boards.

To Elections.

HB 2549 (By Nixon), Relating to validation of certain acts taken by the Westchase District.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 2550 (By Smithee), Relating to the use of unsworn declarations and certifications.

To Civil Practices.

HB 2551 (By Smithee), Relating to the subrogation interests of certain political subdivisions or carriers providing reinsurance for subdivisions.

To Insurance.

HB 2552 (By Elkins), Relating to the operation of staff leasing services companies.

To Business and Industry.

HB 2553 (By McCall), Relating to the publication of mobile service customer telephone numbers by commercial mobile service providers.

To Regulated Industries.

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

March 14

Elections - **HB 762**

Licensing and Administrative Procedures - **HB 1138**

Redistricting - **HB 1077**

Urban Affairs - **HB 538, HB 914**

ENGROSSED

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